U. S. bases in Pakistan

'99. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY;
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a string of US military facilities and bases are active in Pakistan for a long time;

(b) whether Government's attention Sas been drawn to a newsitem captioned 'US bases active in Pakistan' which appeared in The Telegraph, dated the 13th October, 1987; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government are opposed to the setting up of foreign bases/facilities in any country and have made known their concerns in this regard to Pakistan and the United States. Both the USA and Pakistan deny the existence of any such bases in Pakistan. Government are, however, maintaining a constant vigil on all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Persons below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh

*100. SHRl TALARI MANOHAR: SHRl PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:
Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total number of persons identified living below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh at the end of the year 1986;

(b) the action taken by the Government to bring them above the poverty line during 1987; and

(c) the number of persons brought above the poverty line during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) According to the latest estimates of persons living below poverty line for th$_e$ year 1983-84, 205. 1 lakh persons were below the poverty line in the State of Andhra Pradesh constituting 36. 4 per cent of the population in the State. Information regarding the persons below poverty line for the year 1986 is not available.

(b) The outlay for the Seventh Five Year Plan of Andhra Pradesh has been approved at Rs. 5200 crores against an outlay of Rs. 3100 crores, in Sixth Plan. The Annual Plan of Andhra Pradesh for 1987-88 has been fixed at Rs. 1200 crores which is 20 per cent higher than the States annual plan for 1986-87. Annual Plan 1981-88 provides for 'an outlay of Rs. 138. 02 crores for poverty alleviation programmes. The step up of the Plan outlay provides for accelerated rate of growth as well as accelerated pace of poverty alleviation programmes lik$_e$ IRDP, NREP and RLEGP, which coupled with programmes amied at ameliorating the lot of Sch. Castes and Sch. Tribes, small and marginal farmers will enable large number of poor to cross the poverty line.

(c) The estimates of persons living below poverty line are based on National Sample Survey Organisation's Household Surveys on Consumer Expenditure. The last survey for which results are available was conducted during 1983-84. As no survey on household consumer expenditure after 1983-84 has been conducted, estimates of persons brought above poverty line for later years have not been made.

Mid-terni appraisal of Seventh Plan

557. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased' to state: